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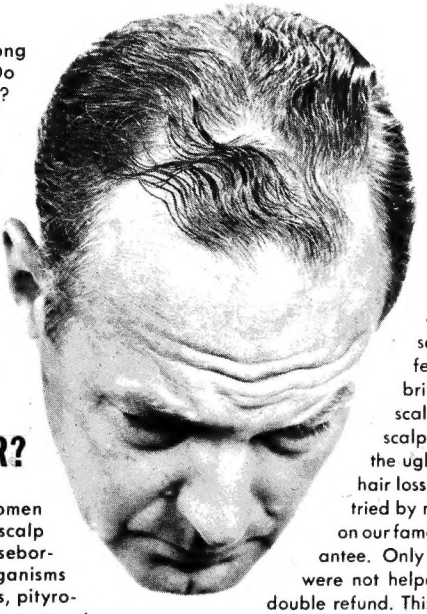
IS YOUR HAIR GROWING OR GOING?

Stand in front of a mirror. Take a long hard look at the top of your head. Do you have as much hair as one year ago? Do you see any new hair growth?

If your answer is no, it is important that you take steps today to save the hair you now have. If you act now, you may be able to reverse the trend on your head. You may be able to grow new hair faster than it is falling out. Doesn't that make sense to you? Wouldn't you like to look in the mirror a year from now and see more hair on your head than you see now? Why lose your hair if you don't have to?



CAN YOU SAVE YOUR HAIR?

Every year thousands of men and women go bald — needlessly — because of a scalp infection. This scalp infection is called seborrhea. Doctors say that three germ organisms cause seborrhea: staphyloccocus albus, pityrosporum ovale, and microbacillus. These germs attack the sebacious glands and the hair follicles themselves. If not checked, permament damage is done. The hair follicles atrophy, lose their ability to produce new hairs. The result: premature baldness.

You can easily tell if you are a victim of seborrhea. If you have itchy scalp, dandruff, hair loss, very dry or oily scalp, the chances are that you have seborrhea. Neglect these symptoms and you invite baldness.

Treat your scalp to Ward's Formula. This amazing scalp medicine quickly controls seborrhea and stops the hair loss it causes.

Here's the Proof!

I must admit I didn't have much faith in it, but I hadn't been using Ward's one week before I could see it was helping me. I could feel my hair getting thicker.
E. K., Cleveland, Ohio

Out of all the Hair Experts I went to, I've gotten the *most* help from one bottle of Ward's Formula.
C. La M., Philadelphia, Pa.

After using Ward's for only 12 days, my hair has stopped falling out.
R. W. C., Cicero, Ill.

I am tickled to death with the results. In just two weeks' time—no dandruff! *W. T. W., Portola, Cal.*

I feel encouraged to say that the infuriating scalp itch which has bothered me for 5 years is now gone.
J. M. K., Columbus, Ohio

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DOUBLE MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

In seconds, Ward's Formula kills the three parasitic germ organisms retarding normal hair growth. This swift germicidal action has been proven in scientific tests by a world-famous testing laboratory (copy of laboratory report sent on request). Ward's removes infectious dandruff, stops scalp itch, brings hair-nourishing blood to the scalp, tends to normalize very dry or oily scalp. In brief Ward's Formula corrects the ugly symptoms of seborrhea, stops the hair loss it causes. Ward's Formula has been tried by more than 550,000 men and women on our famous Double-Your-Money-Back Guarantee. Only 1.9% of these men and women were not helped by Ward's and asked for their double refund. This is truly an amazing performance.

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"AT LAST"! HE SIGHED."I'VE ESCAPED"! AND THEN HE SAW THE SHRIVELED BODY, AND THE FEET, AND THE RATS, AND THE DIRT, HE SAW HIS VICTIM AGAIN....AND AGAIN....

A FEAST FOR RATS!

IT WAS THE DEAD OF NIGHT....THE WIND MOANED EERILY THROUGH THE CANYONS OF THE CITY. THE STAGE WAS SET FOR ***MURDER***.....!

HE WAS ABOUT TO CROSS THE STREET....HE NEVER MADE IT!

N-NO! DON'T!! Y-A-A-A-AH!

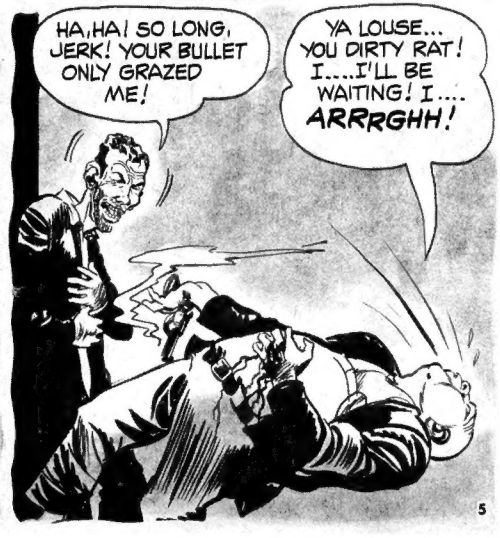
THE MAN FELL DOWN TO HIS DOOM! A QUICK RIFLING OF HIS POCKETS, AND TWO SHADOWY FIGURES DARTED IN THE ALLEY....
GOT IT! COME ON!
GASP... GASP...

THESE WERE THE MEN....GREG VANTUCCI AND "FINGERS WATSON." STICKUP MEN....OF THE MOST DESPERATE KIND. THEY MURDERED WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST QUALM....
HA! HA....WHAT AN EASY HAUL THIS WUZ, GREG!
I CAN'T WAIT TO COUNT IT!

THEY FINGERED THE BLOOD-MONEY OVER THE TABLE IN THEIR TWO-BIT HIDEOUT THEN....
IT WAS MY IDEA, FINGERS! I WAS THE ONE WHO KNIFED HIM!
YEAH...BUT I HELD HIM! THE DOUGH'S MINE!....THREE QUARTERS WORTH! I'LL SHOW YA WHO'S IDEA IT WAS!
I'LL CROAK HIM RIGHT NOW BEFORE HE CAN TRY ANYTHING!

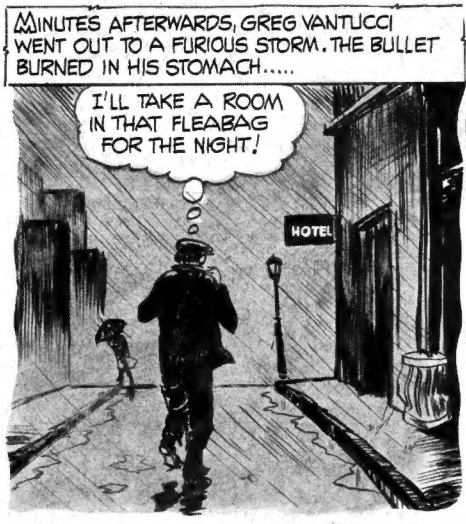
I TELL YOU IT'S MINE!
ARGHHH!

I-I-I'LL T-TAKE YOU WITH ME!
UGHHH!


HA, HA! SO LONG, JERK! YOUR BULLET ONLY GRAZED ME!
YA LOUSE... YOU DIRTY RAT! I....I'LL BE WAITING! I.... ARRRGHH!

TOUGH! REAL TOUGH! BUT NOW THE DOUGH'S MINE! HA, HA....

SO LONG, PAL! I'LL LEAVE YA TO THE RATS! THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE GOOD FOR ANYWAY! HA, HA---


MINUTES AFTERWARDS, GREG VANTUCCI WENT OUT TO A FURIOUS STORM. THE BULLET BURNED IN HIS STOMACH.....
I'LL TAKE A ROOM IN THAT FLEABAG FOR THE NIGHT!
HOTEL

GREG FELT SMUG AND SATISFIED WITH FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN HIS POCKET, HE WAS SITTING ON TOP OF THE WORLD...
HERE YOU ARE, SIR! I HOPE YOU'LL BE PLEASED! IT'S ONE OF OUR BEST ROOMS!
YEAH! YEAH! CAN THE CHATTER! GIMME THE KEY!

OKAY! NOW TAKE A POWDER! ULP!! AAAGAA!!

IS SOMETHING THE MATTER, SIR?
K-KEEP THE DOUGH I GAVE YA! I-I'M GETTING OUTTA HERE! CHANGED MY MIND!

THE SCREAM WELLED FORTH FROM HIS THROAT. HIS MIND WAS PLAYING TRICKS ON HIM! "FINGERS" WAS UP THERE! BUT HE COULDN'T BE! THIS WAS THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN!

THE MANAGER RANG HIS BELL. THE BELLHOP LOOKED GREG UP AND DOWN WITH SOME DISTANCE BUT THEN SHOWED HIM THE WAY....
HERE YOU ARE, SIR! PLEASE STEP INSIDE!
LET 'EM STARE AT ME! WHO CARES HOW I LOOK....AS LONG AS I CAN PAY!
AND THEN...
HERE YOU ARE, SIR!
AAAEEE! THE ROOM! IT'S THAT SAME ROOM!! NO! NO!
YOU'RE TRYING TO TRICK ME! THIS IS SOME WEIRD JOKE! WELL—I WANT THIS ROOM INSTEAD!! STAND BACK....OR ...OR I'LL KILL YOU!
SURE! ANYTHING YOU SAY!
AAAAGHHHHHH!!
WHY DO I KEEP RETURNING TO THIS SAME ROOM? Y-YOU'RE GETTING UP! BUT YOU'RE DEAD! DEAD!!!
YES, GREG! I AM DEAD! REMEMBER WHAT I SAID? I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU! HA, HA....DON'T YOU KNOW WHERE YOU ARE?
YOU'RE IN HELL, VANTUCCI! YOU'RE HERE TO SPEND ALL ETERNITY RE-ENACTING THE SCENE OF YOUR CRIME, JUST AS WATSON IS!
YOU SEE, GREG, MY BULLET KILLED YOU! DIDN'T YOU KNOW? HA, HA....
YAAAAAAH!!
The End

YOU'RE TRAPPED WITH A HARROWING TORTURE OF YOUR BRAIN. YOU'RE TRAPPED WITH ONLY ONE ROAD BACK.... WHICH UNWINDS LIKE A COIL THROUGH THE DARK SHADOWY PAST!

GRAVEYARD

YOU WALK A QUIET ROAD, A DEATH-LIKE ROAD....

YOUR STEADY STEPS CARRY YOU THROUGH THE RAIN THAT FALLS IN A HEAVY, DRONING TATOO OF WATER....

BUT SUDDENLY....A JAGGED BOLT OF LIGHTNING STRIKES!

YAAAH!

CRAAAAK

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED NEXT...

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING!

YEAH, WE BETTER GET HIM TO THE HOSPITAL....FAST!

OWEEEE

AND THEN YOU HEAR....THEN YOU SEE....

WHAT HAPPENED...?

YOU WERE HIT BY LIGHTNING. WE FOUND YOU BY THE ***CEMETERY!***

YES. YOU'RE LUCKY TO BE ALIVE, MR....BY THE WAY, WHAT ***IS*** YOUR NAME?

YOU BEAT AT YOUR BRAIN....YOU SEARCH THROUGH YOUR MIND....

WHY I'M....I'M...I CAN'T ***REMEMBER MY NAME!*** I....I DON'T KNOW WHO I AM!

HMMM! AMNESIA!

PROBABLY AFTER THAT BLOW ANY-THING MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED. STRANGE HOW HE LIVED THROUGH IT!

AMNESIA! SOMETHING YOU THINK ONLY OTHERS WILL HAVE....BUT NEVER ***YOURSELF!***

I'VE GOT TO ***FIND OUT*** WHO I AM! AND I CAN'T DO IT IN THIS ROOM!

THE DOCTORS SAID THEY FOUND ME BY THE ***CEMETERY,*** MAYBE.... I CAN FIND A CLUE TO MY IDENTITY ***THERE!***

YOU GO BACK TO THE CEMETERY. SEARCHING FOR A CLUE THAT MIGHT MEAN REMEMBRANCE....

GOT TO FIND SOMETHING... ...ANYTHING. WAIT! WHAT'S ***THAT?***

IT'S A....KEY! I...FEEL THAT IT'S GOT SOMETHING TO DO WITH MY PAST. BUT.... WHERE DOES IT BELONG?

THEN SUDDENLY, A CRASH OF LIGHTNING, AND FOR ONE SHORT SECOND YOU SEE IT!
A HOUSE!...THIS KEY...COULD IT BE POSSIBLE?

YOU WALK FOR THE FIRST TIME WITH HOPE!
THAT MANSION....SO ERIE... BUT, I'VE GOT TO GO ON... ..GOT TO FIND OUT WHO I AM!

WHAT A SINISTER PLACE!

THEN YOU STRUGGLE....YOU TURN....YOU WRESTLE WITH THE KEY!
NOW....FOR THE KEY. IT FITS, BUT...UNNH...HARD TO TURN... THERE...THE LOCK OPENED!
CLICK

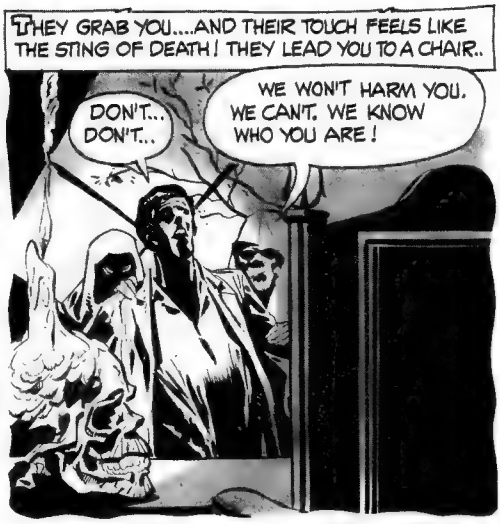
YOU TUG ON THE HEAVY DOORS....AND SLOWLY THEY OPEN!
GOT TO...GET....INSIDE. I FEEL I....BELONG HERE!
SQUEEAAWK

THEN, WITH FEAR-STRICKEN, NUMBING EXPECTANCY, YOU ENTER....
EVERYTHING'S SO OLD! WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
YOU DELVE DEEPER INTO THE AGED, FETID DILAPITATION....AND YOU'RE UNAWARE OF A SINISTER BEING THAT WATCHES....
GAD, WHAT A PLACE! THIS STAIRCASE....SOMEONE'S HERE....
THEN SUDDENLY YOU TURN....
YOU HAVE RETURNED! WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?
YOUR HEART BEATS WILDLY....CHILLS ICE YOUR SPINE!
RETURNED? WHA....WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
DON'T PLAY GAMES! COME, THE OTHERS ARE WAITING!
YOU DUCK, YOU RUN....YOU'RE FEARFUL OF YOUR PAST! WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN?
WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?
NOOO! RUN! GOT TO GET AWAY! THESE STAIRS....
COME BACK. DO NOT RUN!
IT'S FOLLOWING ME! GOT TO GET TO THAT DOOR... GOT TO....

MADE IT. NOW....

YES, YOU MADE IT, DIDN'T YOU? YOU'VE COME TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DOOR....
I...NO! NOOO!
HE'S HERE!
IT'S ABOUT TIME!

THEY COME CLOSER....THEY LOOM ABOVE YOU....AND YOUR QUEST FOR MEMORY IS REPLACED BY FEAR!
WE HAVE BEEN WAITING...
...FOR YOU! HA, HA, HA!
KEEP AWAY!!


THEY GRAB YOU....AND THEIR TOUCH FEELS LIKE THE STING OF DEATH! THEY LEAD YOU TO A CHAIR..
DON'T... DON'T...
WE WON'T HARM YOU. WE CAN'T. WE KNOW WHO YOU ARE!

HA, HA! THEY KNOW....BUT DO YOU?
SIT DOWN.
BUT I DON'T! TELL ME.... WHO AM I?
STOP JOKING, YOU....

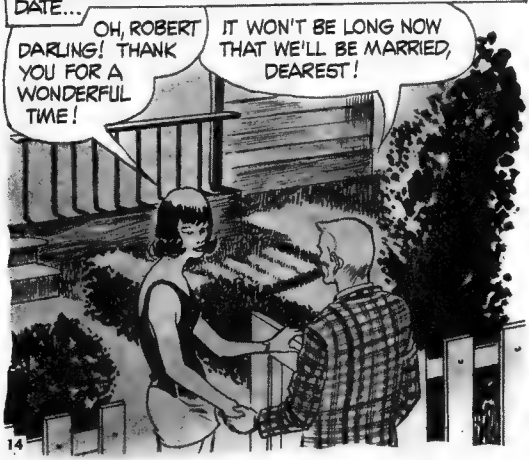
--DEVIL, YOU!

NOW....I KNOW! HA HA HA HA!
THE END

WHAT WAS THE TERRIBLE DOOM THAT AWAITED LENORE? ONLY FULL MOON WOULD TELL---FOR IT WAS THEN THAT THE EVIL URGE TO REND AND KILL CAME OVER HER.

THE EVIL CAT

IT BEGAN ON THE NIGHT LENORE WAS TWENTYONE. SHE AND HER FIANCÉ HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A DATE...



THEY OPENED THE DOOR TO DISCOVER---
SCREAMING HORROR!
ROOWR!

LENORE--
ROBERT---FOR
GOD'S SAKES--
WATCH
OUT!
IT'S BLOCKED
OUR PATH!
WE'RE TRAPPED!
ROWWRR

Y-A-A-AH!
LET IT GO, ROBERT! DON'T
TRY TO STOP IT!
RRROWR

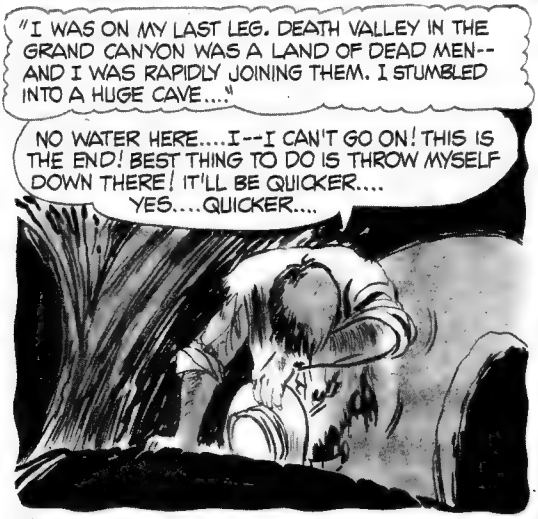
WHAT---WHAT WAS THAT
THING? IT---LOOKED
LIKE A PANTHER--
I--I DON'T KNOW!
OH, ROBERT--
DADDY'S HURT!

DON'T MIND ME, MY
CHILD! COUGH-
COUGH! I'M AN
OLD MAN ANYWAY
--I--I DIDN'T
EXPECT TO
LIVE THIS
LONG. I--
COUGH--
COUGH--
DARLING--STAY
WITH HIM! THE
PHONE IS RIPPED
OUT! I'M GOING
OUT AND CALL
THE POLICE!

DADDY-- DADDY--
WHY AM I
SHAKING THIS
WAY? WHAT
WAS IT?
SOB---SOB---
LISTEN CLOSELY, DEAR---I--
I'M DYING....I'M NOT YOUR
FATHER! I MUST TELL YOU THE
TRUTH NOW....

YOU'RE NOT WELL RIGHT NOW, DADDY! PLEASE REST!
NO! LISTEN---I WAS ONLY YOUR GUARDIAN ---THE STORY OF YOUR BIRTH IS STRANGE AND FANTASTIC....

"IT WAS TWENTY YEARS AGO, THEN.... I WAS A PROSPECTOR IN THE GRAND CANYON---MY BURRO SUDDENLY RAN AWAY FROM ME THAT DAY---AND I WAS DOOMED TO DIE..."
--THIS SUN--HOT--GOT TO HAVE WATER! WATER!


"I WAS ON MY LAST LEG. DEATH VALLEY IN THE GRAND CANYON WAS A LAND OF DEAD MEN--AND I WAS RAPIDLY JOINING THEM. I STUMBLED INTO A HUGE CAVE..."
NO WATER HERE....I--I CAN'T GO ON! THIS IS THE END! BEST THING TO DO IS THROW MYSELF DOWN THERE! IT'LL BE QUICKER.... YES....QUICKER....

THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS TO DIE! GOODBYE, WORLD---GOODBYE...

"BUT I DIDN'T DIE! INSTEAD, I HAD LANDED ON TOP INSTEAD OF BELOW THE HUGE DIRT AND ROCKS SOMEHOW. THEN, SOMETHING HAPPENED..."
OHHH...MY HEAD... IT HURTS...WATER...
IT IS A STRANGE NEW BEING, SHARLA! WE MUST AID HIM!

WHO ARE YOU? W-WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME? OHHH...
QUIET, STRANGE ONE! WE WILL GIVE YOU SUCCOR FROM YOUR PAIN AND DISTRESS!

"THEY TOOK ME INSIDE AND PROCEEDED TO BRING ME BACK TO HEALTH! DAYS PASSED--GRADUALLY I BECAME AWARE OF MY SURROUNDINGS...."
"THEN, ONE DAY, I DECIDED TO FIND OUT WHERE I WAS...."
....BUT WHERE AM I? WHO ARE YOU?
YOU ARE DEEP WITHIN THE GROTTO OF THE CANYON! WE ARE THE CAT PEOPLE---WE SAVED YOUR LIFE FOR A REASON!
..INCREDIBLE... BUT WHAT IS THE REASON?
UNDERSTAND FIRST THAT WE ARE NOT AS YOU! WE ARE---DIFFERENT! CERTAIN CHEMICALS HERE HAVE CHANGED US TO CREATURES OF THE NIGHT!
THERE--IS THE MASTER, WE SERVE! THE FULL MOON! WHEN MIDNIGHT APPROACHES, WE TURN INTO BEASTS! YOU MUST BE PROTECTED EVEN FROM US!
I--I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE ALL THIS!
"BUT BELIEVE IT, I HAD TO! SHARLAL AND HER MATE HAD MADE A LARGE CAGE, BIG ENOUGH FOR ME TO GET INTO WHEN THEIR TRANSFORMATION APPROACHED THEM. NOTHING COULD REACH THE CAGE FROM THE GROUND...
GREAT SCOTT! T-THEY'RE CHANGING! AAAAAGGHH-THEY'RE CHANGING!
THESE ARE SUPERNATURAL BEINGS! BUT WHY DO THEY WANT TO KEEP ME ALIVE? WHY....?

"I NEVER FOUND OUT UNTIL, ONE DAY, AN EARTHQUAKE SHOOK OUR SMALL ROCK-HUT. THEN SHARLAL'S MATE TOLD ME."
OUR LEADER, XARLAK--PLANS TO TAKE US TO THE SURFACE WORLD! XARLAK IS EVIL! HE MEANS US HARM!
...AND THE BABY?
YOU WILL TAKE OUR DAUGHTER BACK WITH YOU TO YOUR WORLD, WHEN THE UNERGROUND GOD STRIKES AGAIN, BRINGING THE ROCKS DOWN UPON US!
"MANY TERRIBLE DAYS FOLLOWED. ALWAYS WITH THE FULL-MOON THEY WOULD CHANGE AND TRY TO KILL ME....AND I WAS TERRIFIED....FOR THEY WOULD SUCCEED EVENTUALLY....
EVIL....WICKED.... EVIL....HA, HA.... ROOWWRR....
NO--NO! NO!
"THEN ONE DAY...THE INEVITABLE HAPPENED! THE OTHERS FOUND OUT ABOUT ME...I HAD TAKEN MY USUAL REFUGE IN MY CAGE, WHEN THE EARTHQUAKE BEGAN..."
THEY'RE FIGHTING AMONG THEMSELVES NOW THEY'LL BE CRUSHED UNDER THOSE ROCKS!
"I WATCHED THE ROCKS FALLING ON THEM...KILLING THEM.. ..THEN MY OWN CAGE WAS CAUGHT IN THE MAELSTROM OF NATURE....I KNEW NO MORE..."
OHHH..
"AND WHEN I CAME TO...
SHARLAL--LET ME HELP! YOUR BABY IS STILL ALIVE!
NO! TAKE HER AND GO! THERE IS THE PASSAGEWAY! GO QUICKLY....
"HOURS OF FANTASTIC, INCREDIBLE, TERRIBLE ADVENTURES LATER, I REACHED THE OUTER WORLD..."
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS FOLLOW THAT RIDGE--AND I'LL BE SAFE, LITTLE ONE....BUT WE AREN'T ALONE....

"NO, WE WEREN'T ALONE--FOR OUT OF THAT TERRIBLE CATASTROPHE HAD ALSO SURVIVED XARLAK--LEADER OF THE RACE! NOW BEGAN YEARS OF RUNNING FOR US!"
BUT DADDY... WHY DO WE HAVE TO LEAVE? I LIKE IT HERE!
DO AS I SAY, LENORE!
"FOR ALWAYS XARLAK PURSUED US....HE WAS THE LAST OF HIS RACE...AND SHE HAD TO BE HIS MATE!...AND SO THE YEARS PASSED!:"
ISN'T IT BEAUTIFUL TONIGHT, DADDY! THE FULL MOON THRILLS ME SO!
YES... SHE HASN'T RECEIVED THE CURSE YET! "AT TWENTY-ONE, IT WILL COME ON HER!"
...AND THAT IS MY CONFESSION! BEWARE, LENORE ...BEWARE OF THE FULL MOON!.. OH, MY DEAR....COUGH.... COUGH....GOODBYE....
NO! NO! DON'T LEAVE ME!
HE'S DEAD, ROBERT! HE'S DEAD!
DARLING, YOU STILL HAVE ME! YOU'RE COMING TO LIVE WITH MOTHER, FATHER AND ME AT OUR HOME!
SO LENORE DID JUST THAT. BUT NOW A STRANGE RESTLESSNESS ATE AT HER VITALS. SHE HAD JUST PASSED TWENTY-ONE, AND SHE HAD NEVER QUITE FORGOTTEN HER FOSTER FATHER'S DYING CONFESSION....
WHAT'S WRONG, DARLING?
OH---HOW CAN I MAKE HIM UNDERSTAND? HOW?
LENORE MANAGED TO HIDE HER SECRET FOR A FEW MORE DAYS. THEN ONE AFTERNOON, SHE, ROBERT, AND SOME FRIENDS HAD BEEN DELAYED ON A HUNT, NIGHT APPROACHED...
PLEASE TAKE ME HOME, ROBERT! PLEASE! I--I FEEL STRANGE...
ALL RIGHT, HONEY! IT'S LATE ANYWAY! SO LONG, FOLKS! SEE YOU LATER!

FASTER...FASTER SHE RAN, TRYING TO RESIST THE STRANGE CURSE WITHIN HERSELF! BUT THE HOUR OF CHANGE WAS AT HAND...

LENORE! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOU?

DON'T LOOK AT ME--HURRY HOME, ROBERT, PLEASE, DARLING...

NOW THE BEYOND TOOK DOMINANCE OF THE GIRL THAT HAD ONCE BEEN LENORE! THE PANTHER STALKED ITS PREY ONCE MORE...

LENORE! I--I'M GOING MAD!! DARLING... IT'S ME....DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE ME? OHHH....

BUT DESTINY ALSO PLAYS STRANGE JOKES...FOR JUMPING OUT OF THE UNDERBRUSH CAME XARLAK!

Y-A-A-AH!

DO NOT TOUCH HIM, LENORE! I SHALL KILL TONIGHT! WE WILL GLORY IN OUR KILL TOGETHER---YOU AND I! WE SHALL START A NEW RACE! HA, HA....I HAVE WAITED LONG FOR THIS MOMENT!

ROOWWRWR

OVER AND OVER THE TWO GREAT BEASTS ROLLED, LOCKED IN A DEATH-STRUGGLE, THEN WHEN IT WAS ALL OVER, ROBERT CRAWLED OVER TO LENORE...

IT'S OVER, DARLING! I--SAVED YOU! I TOLD YOU MY LOVE WAS STRONGER THAN LIFE! GOODBYE...

NO, DON'T DIE! COME BACK TO ME, LENORE! LENORE! LENORE! OH, MY DARLING--NEVERMORE!

BUT, BLOOD CANNOT BE ERASED! A YOUNG MAN'S SCREAMS SHRILLED INTO THE NIGHT FOR HIS SWEETHEART---FOR HE TOO HAD REALIZED THAT THE CURSE OF THE CAT PEOPLE HAD ENDED!

The End

DEADMAN'S WELL

ALL THE WAY HOME, ANSUL SAT... STARING AHEAD...
I'VE GOT TO NURSE YOU BACK TO HEALTH, COUSIN ANSUL!

I BROUGHT ANSUL HOME...TO FAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS! HOPING TO PROD HIS MEMORY BACK TO HEALTH!
KEEP WALKING, ANSUL! YOU'RE DOING FINE!

HERE YOU ARE, RIGHT BACK IN YOUR OLD ROOM OFF THE SITTING ROOM! RIGHT ON THE FIRST FLOOR, WHERE IT WILL BE EASY FOR ME TO BE NEAR YOU, IF YOU NEED ANYTHING!

I DIDN'T MIND ALL THE WORK, REALLY, BUT FEEDING HIM WAS A CHORE! SOMETIMES IT WOULD BE TIME FOR HIS NEXT MEAL BEFORE HE FINISHED THE ONE I WAS GIVING HIM...
ONE MORE BITE NOW! JUST ONE MORE!

SOMETIMES IT WAS NIGHTFALL BEFORE I GOT TO DO THE MILKING...
STEADY, BESSIE! STEADY, NOW!

BUT GETTING ANSUL WELL WAS THE IMPORTANT THING! I BEGAN TALKING TO HIM AT NIGHT...REMINDING HIM OF THINGS...
CAN YOU REMEMBER THE WAY WE BUILT THE HOUSE HERE, ANSUL? JUST YOU AND ME?

"WE WORKED LIKE SLAVES, REMEMBER?" BUT ANSUL'S EXPRESSION DIDN'T CHANGE...
...THEN I REMINDED ANSUL OF THE FINISHED JOB...
I THINK YOU'RE AS PROUD OF THE JOB AS I AM, ANSUL!
I AM! AFTER ALL, I WILL LIVE IN IT, TOO!
"THEN, ADDIE AND I WERE MARRIED... REMEMBER, ANSUL..."
"AND WHEN WE RETURNED FROM OUR HONEYMOON, YOU CAME TO LIVE WITH US!" BUT ANSUL DID NOT REMEMBER...
ANSUL IS AN EXPERT, DEAR! HE'S GOING TO FIND WATER ON OUR LAND!
BEST WE GET TO IT, ABEL!
I TIED A BLINDFOLD OVER HIS EYES AND HE WALKED BACK AND FORTH WITH A FORKED STICK AHEAD OF HIM...
ABEL! THIS IS THE SPOT! PLENTY OF WATER HERE!
BY GEORGE, IT'S RIGHT OVER SOLID ROCK, ANSUL!
'TWIL NEVER GO DRY IF YOU DIG A WELL HERE!
I DON'T LIKE IT!
WHY, HONEY?

LOOK HOW FAR IT IS FROM THE HOUSE, BOYS!
SILLY GIRL! I'LL PIPE THE WATER TO THE HOUSE, ADDIE!

I REMINDED ANSUL OF HOW WE STARTED DIGGING ON THAT WELL...
YES, IT'S AS YOU SAY, ABEL! WE'VE STRUCK ROCK ALREADY!
NOW, WE'LL HAVE TO BLAST!

I WILL DRILL HOLES FOR THE EXPLOSIVE WHILE YOU GO INTO TOWN FOR THE DYNAMITE!
I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

I REMINDED ANSUL HOW EXCITED WE HAD BEEN ABOUT THE TREMENDOUS FORCE OF THAT FIRST BLAST IN THE ROCK!

ANSUL SMILED, BUT DID NOT SPEAK! I HAD COME TO THE POINT IN MY REMEMBERING OF THAT DAY, WHEN...
LISTEN, ANSUL! I HEAR A SPRING BUBBLING BENEATH US!
YES...I HEAR IT! IT WILL BE A GREAT VICTORY TO OUR PERSERVERANCE!

THERE WERE, I THOUGHT, WORDS ACTUALLY ON ANSUL'S LIPS AS I RECALLED OUR FIRST GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT...
A RIVER, ANSUL! NOT A SPRING!
IT'S WATER... CLEAR WATER, ABEL! WE CAN STILL USE IT!
...THEN IT HAPPENED... ANSUL'S MEMORY RETURNED!
YES... I REMEMBER... BUT WHAT AM I DOING HERE?
YOU HAD AN ACCIDENT! I'VE BEEN CARING FOR YOU! CAN YOU REMEMBER THE PAST?
YES... YOU DIDN'T PIPE THE WATER TO THE HOUSE, DID YOU?
IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO PIPE THROUGH SOLID ROCK!
"NO," ANSUL SAID, "YOU COULD DRILL DOWN TO A RIVER, BUT YOU COULD NOT DRILL TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR ADDIE! MY INSIDES TURNED OVER WHEN I SAW THE WAY YOU MADE HER CARRY THOSE BUCKETS..."
LET ME CARRY THEM FOR YOU, ADDIE! YOU SHOULDN'T BE LUGGING THEM!
WELL, I GUESS IT HAS TO BE THAT WAY!

WELL, IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THAT WAY, AND I'M GOING TO SEE THAT IT ISN'T THAT WAY!
ANSUL! WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

I MEAN, I LOVE YOU! I'VE ALWAYS LOVED YOU! I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU AWAY FROM ALL THIS, ADDIE!
OH, NO! OH... ANSUL!

PRETTY! VERY PRETTY! MY WIFE AND MY OWN COUSIN!
NO USE TO DENY IT, ABEL... WHAT DO YOU AIM TO DO?

I'LL SHOW YOU, YOU THIEF! I'LL SHOW YOU...

EEEEEEE!
YOU DOUBLE-CROSSING WIFE STEALER!

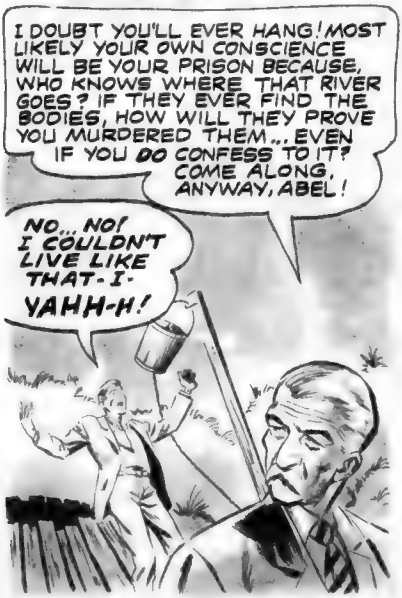
I REMEMBER NOW... I PASSED OUT! WHAT DID YOU DO TO ADDIE? WHERE IS SHE?
I KILLED HER!

"I CHOKED HER TO DEATH!"

"AND I THREW HER BODY DOWN THE WELL! DOWN INTO THE DEEP RIVER!"

BUT WHEN I CAME BACK TO THE HOUSE YOU HAD GONE! I LOOKED ALL OVER FOR YOU... I HAD TO FIND YOU... HAD TO NURSE YOU BACK TO REMEMBERING, SO YOU WOULD KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO DO TO YOU!

AND SO I KILLED ANSUL...AND I THREW HIS BODY DOWN THERE, TOO! SO TAKE ME, SHERIFF! I WANT TO HANG! THERE'S PREMEDITATION IN MY MURDER OF ANSUL! I ALSO WANT WHAT ANSUL DID IN THE COURT RECORD!
OH, IT'LL BE IN THE RECORD ALL RIGHT, ABEL... YOU'LL HAVE A TRIAL, BUT...


I DOUBT YOU'LL EVER HANG! MOST LIKELY YOUR OWN CONSCIENCE WILL BE YOUR PRISON BECAUSE, WHO KNOWS WHERE THAT RIVER GOES? IF THEY EVER FIND THE BODIES, HOW WILL THEY PROVE YOU MURDERED THEM... EVEN IF YOU DO CONFESS TO IT? COME ALONG, ANYWAY, ABEL!
NO... NO! I COULDN'T LIVE LIKE THAT-I- YAHH-H!

THE END

THE CREATURE

BACK THROUGH THE FAR REACHES OF TIME, IN THE FEARSOME JUNGLES OF **PREHISTORIC ATHALA**, WHEN THE EARTH WAS YOUNG, **JACK RANCE** BATTLES FOR HIS **LIFE** AND THE LOVE OF THE BEAUTIFUL, **MYSTERIOUS** PRINCESS ... IN THE ... **LOST KINGDOM OF ATHALA!!**

AWESOME MISSION! CONFRONTING THE EERIE UNKNOWN CAN STRIKE TERROR INTO THE BRAVEST HEART!
TRY AND BE CAREFUL, LADS!
WE WILL! WE'LL MAKE IT ALL RIGHT!
WE HOPE!
BACK THROUGH THE TIME STREAM THEY'RE PLUNGED! YESTERDAY, THE DAY BEFORE... LAST WEEK... WITH CONSTANT ACCELERATION, THE MONTHS, THE YEARS... A CENTURY IS NOW ONLY A MINUTE... ERAS ARE FLASHING PAST!
WE'RE PAST 10,000 B.C.!
GREGG'S LETTER NAMED THE YEAR WHERE WE MUST STOP!
THIS IS THE YEAR HE NAMED!
SURE LOOKS WILD AROUND HERE-- NOW!
A LIFELESS, STEAMING, PRIMITIVE JUNGLE! LIFELESS? SUDDENLY...
A DINOSAUR!
WOW! W-WHAT'LL WE DO?
...THE ERA OF GIANT MAMMALS!!
RUN! RUN!
YEAH, BUT WHERE?
THEN SUDDENLY...
LOOK! STONE AGE HUMANS! THE CAVEMEN!
YOU FOOLS! RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!
THIS WAY, TOMMY! RUN!
THAT GIRL... SHE SPEAKS ENGLISH!

MYSTERIOUS GIRL LEADER, SPEAKING THEIR OWN MODERN ENGLISH, HOW COULD THIS BE A CAVE-WOMAN? WITH THE MONSTERS MOMENTARILY BEATEN BACK, RANCE AND TOMMY ARE SUDDENLY SEIZED BY THE CAVEMEN...
HEY, WHAT'S THE IDEA?
STAND STILL OR I WILL HAVE YOU KILLED!
WHY-- WHY---

THEN IN A NEARBY CAVE...
WE CAN'T FIGHT THEM... NOT NOW!
I DON'T GET IT!

LOOK HERE, MAYBE YOU CAN SPEAK ENGLISH, TOO, CAN YOU?
FOOD! WELL, AT LEAST THEY ARE NOT GOING TO LET US STARVE!

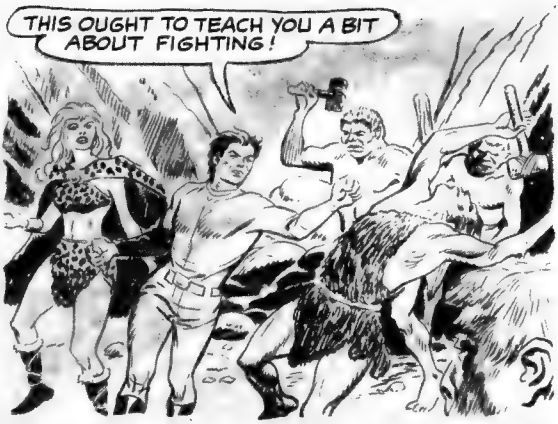
YOU GOING TO DIE! SHE-- PRINCESS RHOA-- SHE KILL YOU!
THAT'S CHEERFUL NEWS!

And AFTER A DAY AND INTO A NIGHT, AGAIN THE CAVE-GIRL SERVANT COMES, AND...
THE PRINCESS RHOA-- SHE WANT SEE YOU NOW!
OH, SHE DOES? WELL THAT'S WHAT WE WANT, TOO!

PRINCESS RHOA! IMPERIOUS, SAVAGELY CRUEL! BEAUTIFUL CREATURE OF MYSTERY!
YOU, RHOA-- LOOK HERE, WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS? WHO ARE YOU?
YOU DARE TO QUESTION ME?

THEN AT LAST, WITH HER WORDS OF HATRED, THEY UNDERSTAND! DR. GREGG AND HIS WIFE ARE LONG SINCE DEAD! THIS IS THEIR DAUGHTER, BORN HERE! HER PARENTS HAD FLED FROM THEIR OWN MODERN WORLD, HATING IT!
I HATE YOU AS MY POOR FATHER AND MOTHER HATED YOU ALL!
BUT, RHOA...
YOU AND YOURS COULD BRING ONLY DISASTER TO MY WORLD! I WILL NOT HAVE IT! YOU SHALL DIE! MY POOR, STRUGGLING PEOPLE WANT NONE OF YOUR GREED...OR ATOMIC BOMBS THAT MAKES NATIONS TREMBLE!
YOUR WORLD IS THE SAME NOW, ISN'T IT? TELL ME!
WELL, I SUPPOSE PRETTY MUCH THE SAME, RHOA! BUT THERE ARE GOOD THINGS IN IT!
WILD PRINCESS OF THE STONE AGE! YET WITHIN HER THE WOMAN'S INSTINCT IS THE SAME, AND THIS IS THE FIRST YOUNG MAN OF HER OWN KIND SHE HAS EVER SEEN...
YOU MUST TELL ME MORE ABOUT YOUR WORLD!
HEY, SOMETHING WRONG'S GOING ON OUT THERE! SOMEBODY'S COMING!
WHAT IS THIS? SPEAK UP, MAN! I'VE TAUGHT YOU A LITTLE ENGLISH! SAY IT--QUICKLY!
THING TERRIBLE, PRINCESS! OGG'S MEN--THEY COME RAIDING US!
IT HAD HAPPENED BEFORE... PLUNDERING MEN OF THE NEIGHBORING TRIBE, LED BY THE GIANT OGG, RAIDING RHOA'S LITTLE CAVE SETTLEMENT, CARRYING OFF THE YOUNG GIRLS!!
HOW DARE THEY? I SHALL ATTACK THEM!
TELL US WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP!

THEN SUDDENLY...
OGG! IT IS OGG!
WE'LL SHOW 'EM WHERE THEY GET OFF!


THIS OUGHT TO TEACH YOU A BIT ABOUT FIGHTING!

BUT AGAINST SO MANY RUTHLESS KILLERS, RANCE AND TOMMY HAVE NO CHANCE...
TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF ME, YOU MISERABLE VILLAINS!

LATER, RANCE REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS!
POOR TOMMY! THOSE WRETCHES KILLED HIM!
AND PRINCESS RHOA--GONE! THEY TOOK HER!

THEN A MOMENT LATER...
WHICH WAY DID THEY GO?
THAT WAY! THAT WAY!

THROUGH THE LONG NIGHT HOURS THE SEEKING RANCE PROWLS! FROM EVERY STEAMING GLADE, FROM BEHIND EVERY FROWNING CRAG, IT SEEMS THAT GIANT THINGS ARE LURKING!!
NO SIGN OF OGG'S MEN!

THEN, AT LAST HE SEES OGG'S SLEEPING ENCAMPMENT, AND...
UGH!
ONLY THIS ONE GUARD!

QUIET, RHOA! DON'T CALL OUT! I'VE COME FOR...
OOOHH...

WILDLY, THEY FLEE INTO THE STEAMING JUNGLE! BUT BEHIND THEM THE ALARM IS SOUNDING!

BREATHLESS, TIRED, THEY REST FOR A MOMENT, SECLUDED IN A STEAMING GLADE!
YOU SEE, THERE IS EVIL IN YOUR WORLD, TOO, RHOA! THAT IS THE HERITAGE YOU GAVE TO MY WORLD!

I LOVE YOU, RHOA DEAR! I'M TAKING YOU BACK HOME WITH ME!

YOU--YOU TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF ME!

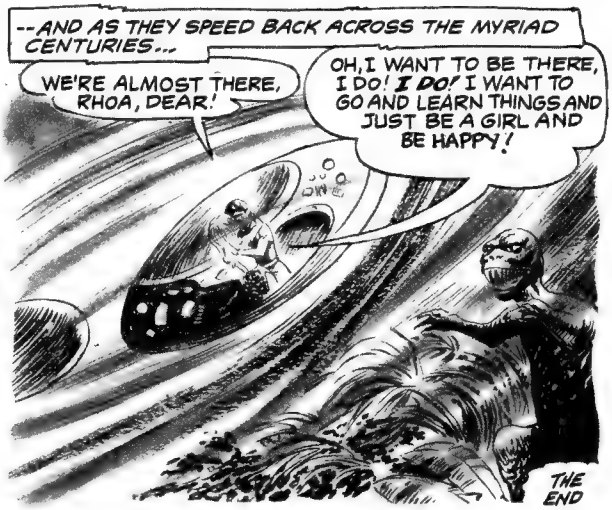
BUT THEN...
YOU CAN'T DENY IT, RHOA DEAR!
I DO LOVE YOU! I DO!

ELUDING THE GIANT, PURSUING MONSTERS, AT LAST THEIR GOAL IS IN SIGHT!
YES, YES!
THERE IT IS, RHOA! THE TIME MACHINE! WE'LL MAKE IT!

SAFETY AT LAST! BUT THEN SUDDENLY...
OGG!

GRIM AND DESPERATE COMBAT... THEN...
GOT YOU!

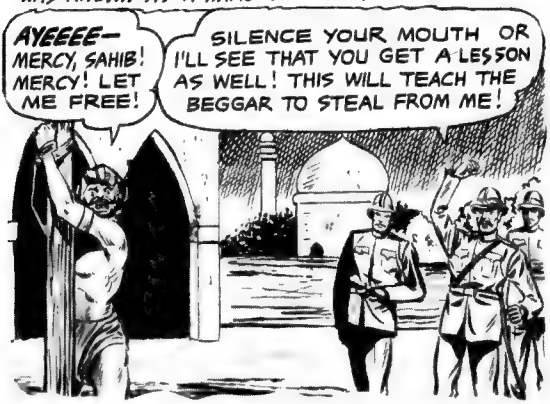
...THE END OF A VILLAIN--! SURELY IN EVERY AGE, EVERY ERA, INEVITABLE RETRIBUTION MUST COME TO MAN'S VILLAINY!
OOH! HURRY! HURRY!
YES, I'LL START US NOW...

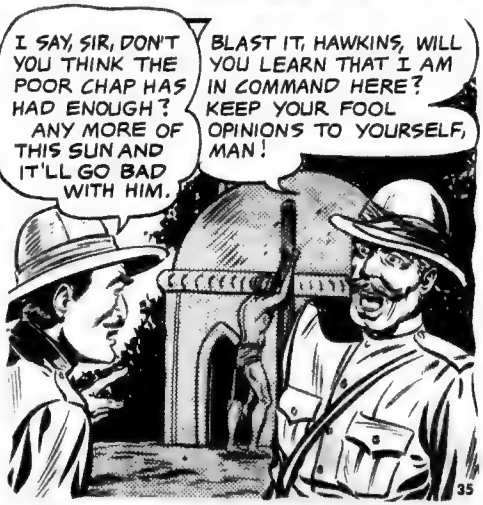

--AND AS THEY SPEED BACK ACROSS THE MYRIAD CENTURIES...
WE'RE ALMOST THERE, RHOA, DEAR!
OH, I WANT TO BE THERE, I DO! I DO! I WANT TO GO AND LEARN THINGS AND JUST BE A GIRL AND BE HAPPY!
THE END

FROM FAR AWAY LANDS COME INCREDIBLE TALES OF TIMES AND MEN THAT RING STRANGE TO US, BUT COULD IT BE THAT FICTION IS ONLY TRUTH TWISTED INTO ANOTHER SHAPE? HERE IS THE ACCOUNT OF A MAN WHOSE INJUSTICE WAS HIS OWN UNDOING, OF ANOTHER MAN WHO WAS SAVED BY HIS OWN TRUST AND OF A GIRL TO WHOM LIFE WAS INDEED STRANGELY DIRECTED, AND DEATH WAS A TOTAL STRANGER... UNTIL THE THREE OF THEM BECAME ENTWINED IN THE LEGEND KNOWN AS

BOOMERANG BACKLASH!

COLONEL RANKIN OF THE KING'S INDIAN RIFLES, WAS KNOWN AS A HARD AND FIRM MAN...





BUT THE COLONEL DOES NOT YET SUSPECT THAT ONE OF HIS INDIAN OFFICERS, A HANDSOME YOUNG SUBALTERN NAMED AHMED RAI, IS IN LOVE...
SHE IS LATE! SHE PROMISED FAITHFULLY TO BE HERE BY THE TEMPLE WHEN THE MOON CAME UP! AND THERE IS THE MOON, ALMOST AS BEAUTIFUL AS MY LOVE —BUT SHE DOES NOT COME!
...WITH HIS WARD, ROSE... AND THAT SHE IS IN LOVE WITH HIM...
AHMED, DARLING! I'M SO SORRY TO BE LATE, BUT HE WAS WATCHING ME. I THINK HE'S BEGINNING TO SUSPECT SOMETHING!
ROSE! JUST SO YOU ARE HERE! I DO NOT FEAR THE COLONEL!
BUT I AM AFRAID, DARLING! TERRIBLY AFRAID! HE WOULD FIRE YOU IF HE FOUND OUT ABOUT US! Y- YOU KNOW HOW HE FEELS ABOUT...
YES, MY DEAREST, I KNOW! YET IN MY VEINS RUNS THE BLOOD OF PRINCES, AND I FEAR NO MAN! MY HERITAGE IS AS GOOD AS THAT OF YOUR GUARDIAN!
NEITHER OF THE LOVERS IS AWARE OF THE GLEAMING, GREEDY EYES THAT SPY ON THEM FROM THE MURKY SHADOWS...
SO THIS IS HOW MATTERS STAND! I AM FORTUNATE TO HAVE SEEN THIS, FOR NOW COLONEL SAHIB WILL REWARD ME WITH MANY RUPEES!
SO A LITTLE LATER...
A BEGGAR TO SEE YOU, SAHIB! HE SAYS HE HAS IMPORTANT NEWS!
VERY IMPORTANT INDEED, SAHIB! YOU WILL THANK ME!
WELL, MAN, WHAT IS IT? OUT WITH IT— SPEAK!
BUT THE SPY'S REWARD IS HARSH...
FOOL! LIAR! HOW DARE YOU COME TO ME WITH SUCH A FALSE TALE!
NO, SAHIB! I DO NOT LIE—
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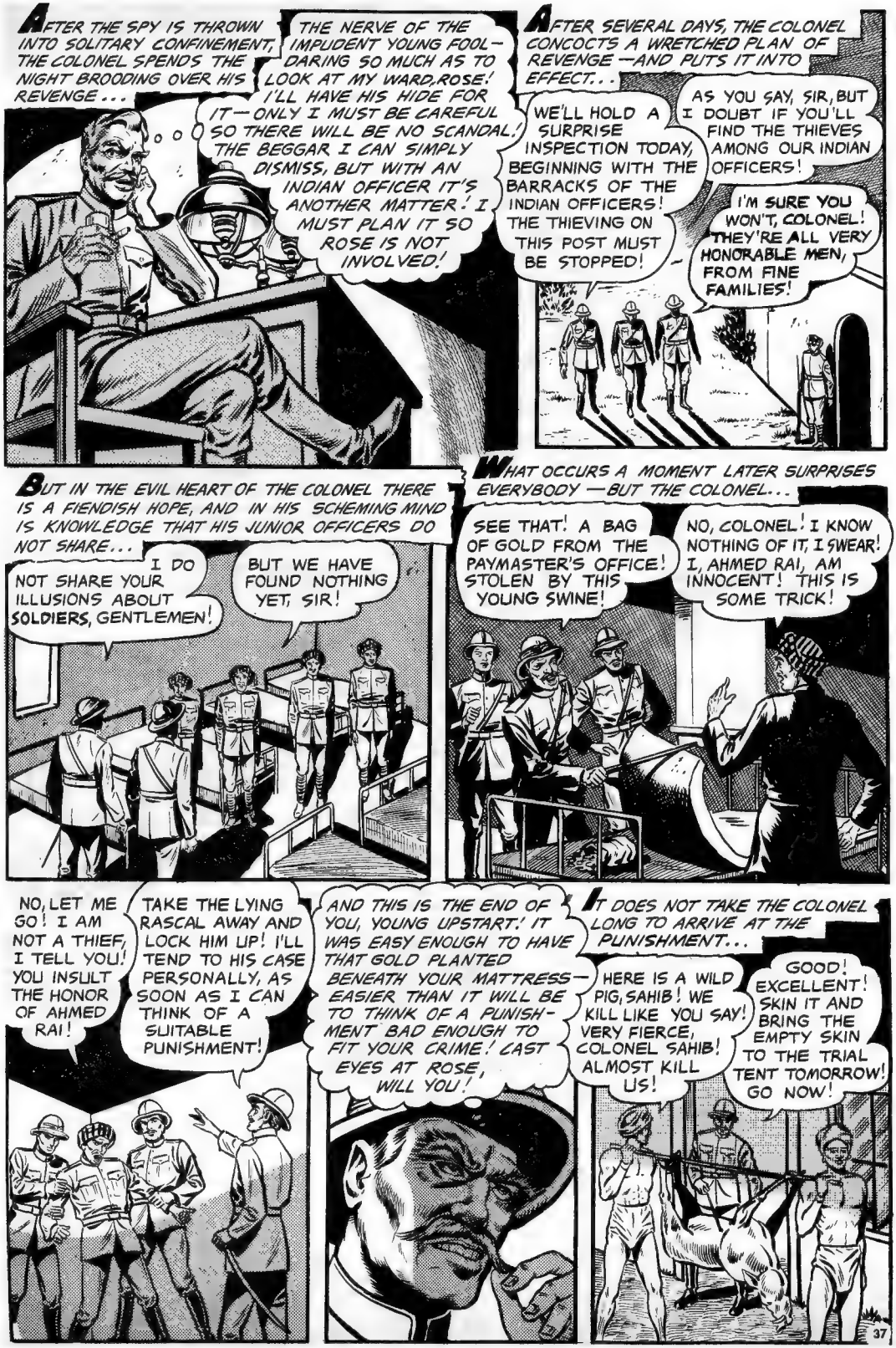

AFTER THE SPY IS THROWN INTO SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, THE COLONEL SPENDS THE NIGHT BROODING OVER HIS REVENGE...
THE NERVE OF THE IMPUDENT YOUNG FOOL—DARING SO MUCH AS TO LOOK AT MY WARD, ROSE! I'LL HAVE HIS HIDE FOR IT—ONLY I MUST BE CAREFUL SO THERE WILL BE NO SCANDAL! THE BEGGAR I CAN SIMPLY DISMISS, BUT WITH AN INDIAN OFFICER IT'S ANOTHER MATTER! I MUST PLAN IT SO ROSE IS NOT INVOLVED!
AFTER SEVERAL DAYS, THE COLONEL CONCOCTS A WRETCHED PLAN OF REVENGE—AND PUTS IT INTO EFFECT...
WE'LL HOLD A SURPRISE INSPECTION TODAY, BEGINNING WITH THE BARRACKS OF THE INDIAN OFFICERS! THE THIEVING ON THIS POST MUST BE STOPPED!
AS YOU SAY, SIR, BUT I DOUBT IF YOU'LL FIND THE THIEVES AMONG OUR INDIAN OFFICERS!
I'M SURE YOU WON'T, COLONEL! THEY'RE ALL VERY HONORABLE MEN, FROM FINE FAMILIES!
BUT IN THE EVIL HEART OF THE COLONEL THERE IS A FIENDISH HOPE, AND IN HIS SCHEMING MIND IS KNOWLEDGE THAT HIS JUNIOR OFFICERS DO NOT SHARE...
I DO NOT SHARE YOUR ILLUSIONS ABOUT SOLDIERS, GENTLEMEN!
BUT WE HAVE FOUND NOTHING YET, SIR!
WHAT OCCURS A MOMENT LATER SURPRISES EVERYBODY—BUT THE COLONEL...
SEE THAT! A BAG OF GOLD FROM THE PAYMASTER'S OFFICE! STOLEN BY THIS YOUNG SWINE!
NO, COLONEL! I KNOW NOTHING OF IT, I SWEAR! I, AHMED RAI, AM INNOCENT! THIS IS SOME TRICK!
NO, LET ME GO! I AM NOT A THIEF, I TELL YOU! YOU INSULT THE HONOR OF AHMED RAI!
TAKE THE LYING RASCAL AWAY AND LOCK HIM UP! I'LL TEND TO HIS CASE PERSONALLY, AS SOON AS I CAN THINK OF A SUITABLE PUNISHMENT!
AND THIS IS THE END OF YOU, YOUNG UPSTART! IT WAS EASY ENOUGH TO HAVE THAT GOLD PLANTED BENEATH YOUR MATTRESS—EASIER THAN IT WILL BE TO THINK OF A PUNISHMENT BAD ENOUGH TO FIT YOUR CRIME! CAST EYES AT ROSE, WILL YOU!
IT DOES NOT TAKE THE COLONEL LONG TO ARRIVE AT THE PUNISHMENT...
HERE IS A WILD PIG, SAHIB! WE KILL LIKE YOU SAY! VERY FIERCE, COLONEL SAHIB! ALMOST KILL US!
GOOD! EXCELLENT! SKIN IT AND BRING THE EMPTY SKIN TO THE TRIAL TENT TOMORROW! GO NOW!

NEXT DAY AS THE TRIAL BEGINS...

ALL RIGHT, LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH! BRING THE PRISONER BEFORE ME! HIS GUILT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, SO THERE ONLY REMAINS TO SENTENCE HIM!

I STILL SAY I AM INNOCENT, COLONEL! YOU MUST BELIEVE ME, I BEG...

A SOLDIER HANDS THE EMPTY SKIN OF THE WILD PIG TO THE COLONEL AND...

HAH—I SEE THAT YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS, AHMED! THE SKIN OF A WILD PIG! YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?

I HAVE NO IDEA OF WHAT PUNISHMENT ONE WOULD IMPOSE ON AN INNOCENT MAN, SIR...

THEN I'LL EXPLAIN! FOR YOU, IT WILL BE PRISON! SOLITARY CONFINEMENT! THE PIG WILL BE HUNG FOR ALL TO SEE SO THEY WILL NOT TRY ANY OF YOUR TRICKS!

YOU ARE AN UNJUST MAN! BUT THERE IS A WAY TO REVENGE THIS DAY. YOU SHALL SEE...

STRING UP THE PIG AND LEAD THE PRISONER OFF TO THE GUARD-HOUSE! TALK OF REVENGE IS NOT WORTH LISTENING TO, GENTLEMEN!

VERY INGENIOUS, SIR!

WHAT A ROTTER THE OLD BUZZARD IS! WISH I DARED HELP THAT POOR FELLOW!

WHAT A PACK OF NONSENSE THIS IS! HANGING A PIG!

YET NO MAN WILL LOOK AT IT WITHOUT THINKING OF THE COLONEL'S DISCIPLINE!

HIS INJUSTICE, YOU MEAN!

IN GRIM SATISFACTION, THE COLONEL VIEWS HIS WORK...

THANKS TO THE FOOLISH SUPERSTITION IN THIS LAND SUCH A SIMPLE ACT MOVES THE BRAVEST HEART! AND NOW TO CHEER ROSE UP, IF SHE NEEDS CHEERING!

TIME PASSES AND, AS WOMEN SOMETIMES DO, THE LOVELY ROSE FORGETS AHMED RAI...

YOU SEE, ROSE, THAT YOUR OLD FRIEND WAS RIGHT! ONLY SIX MONTHS SINCE I HAD THAT RASCAL PUNISHED, AND ALREADY YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN HIM!

YES, COLONEL! YOU WERE WISE! IT WAS ONLY THE INFATUATION OF A SILLY GIRL!

THE FOLLOWING WEEK, ROSE ACCOMPANIES HER GUARDIAN ON A HUNT FOR WILD BOAR...

OH, THIS IS SUCH FUN! EVEN IF I HAVEN'T SEEN A SINGLE WILD PIG YET!

PLEASE, MEM-SAHIB, COME BACK!

YOU WILL GET LOST MEM! AND THERE ARE DANGEROUS PIGS ABOUT!

ROSE ODDLY BECOMES LOST—AND SUDDENLY...

OHHH— A WILD PIG! CHARGING ME!

NEIGHHHHHH—

ARGRRRR—

ROSE IS THROWN FROM HER MOUNT, BUT UNHURT, AND...

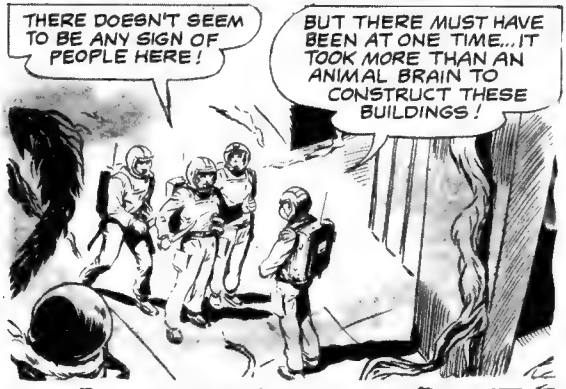
BUT SUDDENLY THE PIG MOVES AWAY, LEAVING THE FRIGHTENED GIRL UNHURT...

LATER, AS THE COLONEL'S PARTY SEEKS THE GIRL...

THE COLONEL'S DEATH BROUGHT ABOUT MANY CHANGES... FOR INSTANCE, THE HANGING PIG WAS QUICKLY REMOVED... AHMED RAI PROMPTLY RELEASED... AND LOVELY ROSE HAD A NEW GUARDIAN... HER DEVOTED HUSBAND!

The End

THE GREEN HORROR



THE MEN MADE THEIR WAY INTO THE CRUMBLED BUILDING... AND FOUND WHAT THEY LOOKED FOR...

And SO THE SPACE SHIP BLASTED OFF FROM THE MYSTERIOUS PLANET AND HEADED BACK TOWARD EARTH CARRYING WITH THEM ONE SMALL PIECE OF THE GREEN FOLIAGE!

... AND IT GREW
... LARGER AND LARGER!
.. ABSORBING ALL THE MOISTURE IN THE AIR-TIGHT CHAMBER!
HMM, THAT'S FUNNY... ALL THE GAUGES THAT WORK ON WATER PRESSURE SEEM TO BE GOING DOWN! CHARLIE... YOU'D BETTER GO BACK INTO THE STOREROOM AND CHECK THOSE LINES!
STOREROOM? THINK I'LL GO ALONG WITH YOU... JUST A HUNCH!
...LOOKS LIKE A MONSTER BUT IT WON'T ATTACK US! ... BUT IT HAS GROWN SO BIG! ... THE WATER... AHA!
WOW! LOOK AT THAT STUFF... AND IT'S CLOGGING UP THE LINES!
NOW I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CIVILIZATION ON THAT PLANET! THIS IS THE MENACE THAT DROPPED FROM THE SKY!
...SO YOU'VE FOUND THE ANSWER! WELL, WHAT IS IT?
THAT TYPE OF VEGETATION SURVIVES ON ANY KIND OF MOISTURE! AFTER LANDING ON THE PLANET IT SOUGHT OUT ALL FORMS OF WETNESS AND EVENTUALLY SOAKED IT UP! LEAVING THEM WITHOUT WATER! THAT'S WHAT DESTROYED THE CIVILIZATION!

And SO THE PLAN WAS PUT INTO EFFECT. A SECONDS LATER, AN ATOMIC BLAST DESTROYED THE SPACECRAFT AND CREW!

THE END

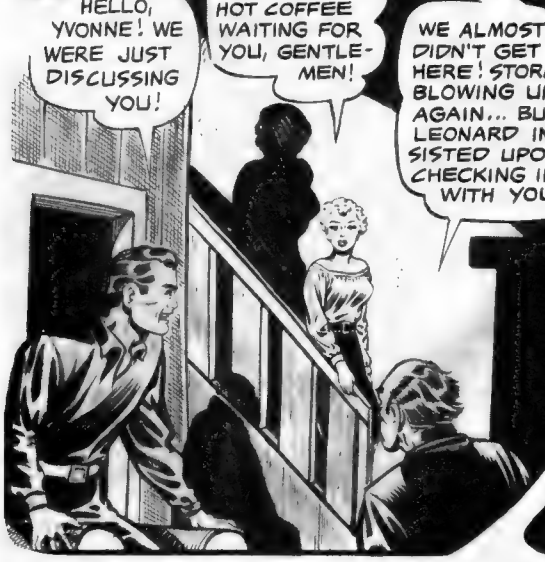
FOREVER AND EVER!

IT WAS AN OLD STORY... THE BEAUTY WITH A PROBLEM, AND THE HANDSOME PRINCE... BUT BEYOND THAT THERE IS NO RESEMBLANCE TO ANY STORY YOU'VE EVER READ! YOU'LL CHILL AT THE ACCOUNT OF THE STORM, BUT YOU'LL SHIVER AT THE ACCOUNT OF AN AMAZING DESTINY THAT ONLY THE LONELY NORTH WIND SINGS OF... ON DARK SNOWSWEPT NIGHTS!

HENRY JACKSON AND LEONARD WARD WERE PARTNERS AS GOVERNMENT AGENTS... SO WAS THE WIDOW SHAW... ONLY SHE WAS AWAITING THE SPRING THAW TO LEAVE THE NORTH FOREVER...

OH, THERE YOU ARE, MISSUS SHAW! I DIDN'T THINK YOU HEARD US! ARE WE VISITING TOO LATE?
NO. I HEARD YOU COME IN. IS L-LEONARD WITH YOU?

IS LEONARD WITH YOU, SHE ASKS! YVONNE IS SUCH A SWEET GIRL! AND SO CONCERNED ABOUT *YOUR* DEAR FRIEND!
SHE'S LONELY, HENRY! THIS IS NO PLACE FOR ANYONE TO LIVE ALONE. SHE APPRECIATES OUR COMPANY...


HELLO, YVONNE! WE WERE JUST DISCUSSING YOU!
HELLO, LEONARD... I'VE GOT SOME HOT COFFEE WAITING FOR YOU, GENTLEMEN!
WE ALMOST DIDN'T GET HERE! STORM'S BLOWING UP AGAIN... BUT LEONARD INSISTED UPON CHECKING IN WITH YOU...

AS LONG AS YOU'RE SAFE AND SNUG, WE'LL LEAVE EARLY!
BUT I THOUGHT WE WERE ALL GOING TO WORK ON THE GOVERNMENT REPORTS TONIGHT?
I STARTED IT, BUT I'D BETTER FINISH IT OVER IN OUR CABIN, YVONNE.

I NEVER GET TO SEE YOU LATELY, LEONARD...
I HAVEN'T TOLD HIM JUST YET, DEAR. IT HARDLY SEEMS FAIR TO FLAUNT OUR HAPPINESS IN THIS LONELY PLACE...
YOU NEED FUEL... I'LL FETCH SOME...

WILL THE SPRING THAW NEVER COME? IT'S SUCH A LONG WAIT...
BUT WELL WORTH IT, MY DEAR!
WE'LL HATE TO SEE YOU DEPART, WON'T WE, LEONARD? COMPANY'S A TREAT IN THIS COUNTRY...

THAT NIGHT THE WIND SIGHED AND MOANED... WHILE LEONARD WARD FOUND SLEEP UNFRIENDLY...
DARLING... DARLING...

I CAN'T STAND THIS ANYMORE, AND IT'S FOOLISH NOT TO LET HENRY KNOW THAT I'M BREAKING UP OUR PARTNERSHIP! I'LL TELL HIM TODAY SO HE CAN MAKE OTHER PLANS...

AND THE FOLLOWING NIGHT AS THE TRIO MET ONCE AGAIN AT WIDOW SHAW'S...
IT'S A PLEASURE TO HOLD A CONVERSATION AGAIN, LEONARD'S BEEN SILENT AS THE SNOW ALL DAY...
I WAS SAVING UP FOR THIS VERY OCCASION! I HAVE SOMETHING I WANT TO TELL YOU, HENRY... WITH YVONNE'S PERMISSION...
B-BUT OF COURSE, LEONARD!

YOU SOUND SO SERIOUS, LEONARD! NOW LET'S NOT HAVE ANY HEAVY CONVERSATION UNTIL LATER! WAIT UNTIL I RUN THOSE REPORTS DOWN TO THE OUTPOST, THEN WE CAN CHAT, OKAY?

YOU'RE SURE YOU WON'T NEED ME? IT'LL BE ROUGH SLEDDING...
I'LL MANAGE. ALWAYS HAD TO DO THIS ALONE BEFORE WE BECAME PARTNERS, LEONARD! THAT WAS MY LUCKY DAY THOUGH!

LATER...
YOU WERE GOING TO TELL HIM ABOUT US, WEREN'T YOU? AND HE ACTED SO STRANGE... RELUCTANT TO LISTEN...
THERE'S TIME, YVONNE! HE'LL BE BACK SOON AND I'LL TELL HIM THEN... I'VE MADE UP MY MIND TO...

PERHAPS I'VE BEEN A WIDOW SO LONG, I'VE FORGOTTEN THE WAYS OF MEN...
YOU'VE LIVED A HARD LIFE, YVONNE, TAKING OVER YOUR HUSBAND'S GOVERNMENT JOB AFTER HE PASSED AWAY. BUT I'LL SEE TO IT THAT THINGS GO DIFFERENTLY BACK IN THE STATES...
YOU'VE MADE MY LIFE HAPPY ALREADY, LEONARD... YOU'VE GIVEN ME SOMETHING WONDERFUL TO LOOK FORWARD TO!
I'M THE LUCKY ONE... YOU COULD HAVE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH HENRY, YOU KNOW...
NEVER! HE'S SO MEEK AND PECULIAR...
THAT'S SILLY, DEAR! HENRY THINKS THE WORLD OF YOU! THE TROUBLE WITH HENRY IS THAT HE LOVES THE NORTH AND HE LOVES COMPANY! HE'D HATE TO BE ALONE... THAT'S WHY HE MUST MAKE PLANS FOR HIMSELF AFTER WE'VE GONE...
SO BUSY WERE THE LOVERS THAT THE SHADOW ON THE WINDOW WAS UNNOTICED...
IF ONLY THERE WAS SOME WAY TO PREVENT OUR PARTING, DEAR FRIENDS.

DOGS COULDN'T MAKE IT! I HAD TO TURN BACK...
HENRY! OH, YOU STARTLED ME!

PERHAPS I COULD GIVE IT A TRY? IT'S SUCH A SHORT RUN...
IF YOU'D CARE TO, LEONARD, BUT THE DRIFTS ARE PRETTY HIGH... STILL THAT REPORT IS DUE...

CONVERSATION SEEMED TO RUN OUT AFTER LEONARD LEFT... UNTIL HENRY HIT UPON AN IDEA...
PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE SNOW, YVONNE? STORM'S CHANGED THE WHOLE COUNTRYSIDE...
I'LL GO AND HITCH UP THE DOGS! I WON'T BE BUT A MINUTE... YOU GET YOUR PARKA...
REALLY, HENRY, I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD IF THE DRIFTS ARE AS BAD AS YOU SAID... B-BUT IF YOU WANT TO, I SUPPOSE...
DO YOU THINK WE COULD CATCH UP TO LEONARD?
I WOULDN'T ADVISE IT! THAT TRAIL IS WHERE THE HEAVY DRIFTS ARE... BESIDES WE SHOULDN'T GO SO FAR!
READY, YVONNE? SOMETHING WRONG?
NO... I'LL JUST LEAVE A NOTE FOR LEONARD TO TELL HIM WHERE WE ARE IN CASE HE RETURNS FIRST...
MAYBE WE'D BETTER TURN BACK, HENRY! THE WIND IS STARTING UP AGAIN AND THE SNOW SEEMS TO BE RETURNING...
PERHAPS YOU'RE RIGHT! WE'LL TURN HERE ON THE HILL! MUSH, YOU DOGS, MUSH!
BUT A SUDDEN SLIDE AT THE SNOWY SUMMIT, AND...
YVONNE! OH! YVONNE... WHAT SHALL I DO? TRY TO GRAB AT THE ICE...
HELP... I CAN'T, HENRY... OHH...
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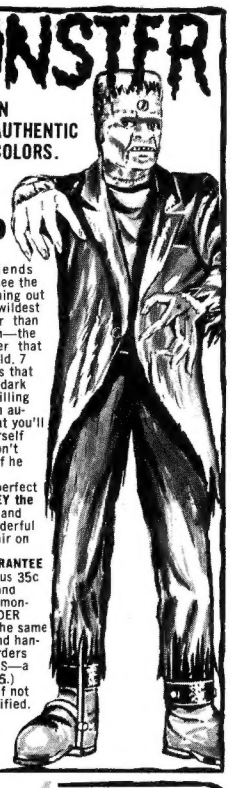
MONSTER



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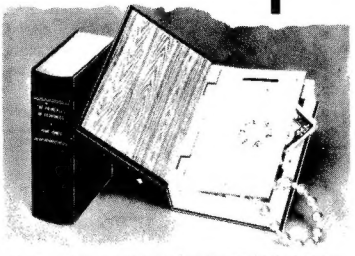

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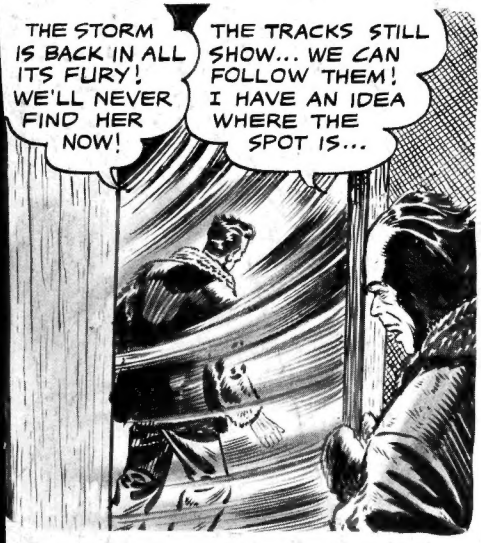
AN ACCIDENT! SHE FELL... YVONNE IS TRAPPED IN A DRIFT, COME QUICKLY!
GREAT SCOTT, MAN, COULDN'T YOU HAVE GOTTEN HER OUT?
NOT ALONE! TOO DEEP... OH, LEONARD, HURRY...


THE STORM IS BACK IN ALL ITS FURY! WE'LL NEVER FIND HER NOW!
THE TRACKS STILL SHOW... WE CAN FOLLOW THEM! I HAVE AN IDEA WHERE THE SPOT IS...

THROUGH THE SWIRLING, BLINDING SNOW, THE TWO FRANTIC MEN PUSH AGAINST THE ICY BLASTS IN GRIM DETERMINATION...
DON'T GO SO FAST, LEONARD, I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH YOU... DON'T LEAVE ME!
I'M NOT LEAVING YOU! DON'T BE A FOOL, HENRY, I'VE GOT TO FIND HER! YVONNE— YVONNE!

LEONARD! OH, LEONARD, I WARNED YOU! IT'S THE VERY SPOT! THE VERY SAME SPOT!

AND THAT WAS ALL... JUST THE WIND AND HENRY'S TEARS... HENRY, WHO WANTED COMPANY SO BADLY, HE WOULDN'T LISTEN TO THE NEWS HE KNEW MEANT A PARTING... AND THE TWO WHO WISHED TO BE TOGETHER WOULD BE SO... FOREVER...
NO— NO!
The End